

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
- v. - : OF FORFEITURE/
ROBERT BERNARDI, : MONEY JUDGMENT
Defendant. : 21 Cr. 616 (PGG)
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WHEREAS, on or about October 12, 2021, ROBERT BERNARDI (the “Defendant”), among others, was charged in a five-count Indictment, 21 Cr. 616 (PGG) (the “Indictment”), with conspiracy to commit securities fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 (Count One); conspiracy to commit bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count Two); conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count Three); aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A(a)(1), 1028A(b) and 2 (Counts Four and Five);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a forfeiture allegation as to Count One of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), of any and all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a second forfeiture allegation as to Counts Two and Three of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant Title 18, United States Code, 982(a)(2)(A), of any and all property constituting, or derived from, proceeds the

Defendant obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of the commission of the offense charged in Counts Two and Three of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on or about August 17, 2022, the Defendant pled guilty to Counts One through Three of the Indictment, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Counts One through Three of the Indictment and agreed to forfeit to the United States, Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(2)(A), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), a sum of money equal to \$3,442,264 in United States currency, representing proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One through Three of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$3,442,264 in United States currency, representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One through Three of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One through Three of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Damian Williams, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorneys, Peter J. Davis and Emily A. Johnson of counsel, and the Defendant, and his counsel, Justin Weddle, Esq. and Julia Catania, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offenses charged in Counts One through Three of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$3,442,264 in

United States currency (the “Money Judgment”), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offenses charged in Counts One through Three of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant, ROBERT BERNARDI, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. All payments on the outstanding Money Judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to the United States Marshals Service, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew’s Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the Defendant’s name and case number.

4. The United States Marshals Service is authorized to deposit the payments on the Money Judgment into the Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney’s Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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8. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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United States Attorney for the
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By:


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8/17/19

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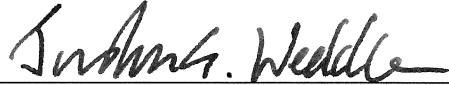
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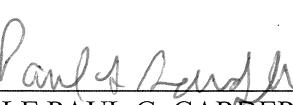
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SO ORDERED:


HONORABLE PAUL G. GARDEPHE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

August 17, 2022

DATE